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In re: Brader-Araje et al.

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For: **SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS THAT
FACILITATE PARTICIPATION IN ONLINE AUCTIONS VIA AN
INTERMEDIARY WEB SITE**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 4, 2003

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Office Action (the "Action") mailed October 4, 2003. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

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